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Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations

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A

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 54/1, 54/2 and 54/3 of 14 September 1999,

Also recalling the recommendations of the Committee on Contributions with respect to the assessment of Kiribati, Nauru and Tonga as non-member States,[1]

Further recalling its resolutions 52/215 A of 22 December 1997 and 53/36 E of 18 December 1998 and its decision 47/456 of 23 December 1992,

1. *Decides* that the rate of assessment for Kiribati, Nauru and Tonga, admitted to membership of the United Nations on 14 September 1999, should be 0.001 per cent for 1999 and 2000;

2. *Also decides* that the contributions of Kiribati, Nauru and Tonga for 1999 should be calculated on the basis of one twelfth of their rate of assessment for 1999 per full calendar month of membership and that a corresponding adjustment should be made in their assessments for 1999 as non-member States;

3. *Further decides* that the contributions of Kiribati, Nauru and Tonga for 1999 and 2000 should otherwise be applied to the same basis of assessment as for other Member States, except that, in the case of appropriations or apportionments approved by the General Assembly for the financing of peacekeeping operations, the contributions of Kiribati, Nauru

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/51/11), sect. V, and ibid., *Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/53/11), chap. V.

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and Tonga, as determined by the group of Member States to which they may be assigned by the Assembly, should be calculated in proportion to the calendar year;

4. *Decides* that the 1999 assessments of Kiribati, Nauru and Tonga should be taken into account as miscellaneous income in accordance with regulation 5.2 (c) of the Financial Regulations and Rules of the United Nations;

5. *Also decides* that, for 2000, the rate of assessment for Kiribati, Nauru and Tonga should be added to the scale of assessments established by the General Assembly in its resolution 52/215 A;

6. *Further decides* that, in accordance with financial regulation 5.8, the advances of Kiribati, Nauru and Tonga to the Working Capital Fund should be calculated by the application of their rate of assessment of 0.001 per cent to the authorized level of the Fund and should be added to the Fund pending the incorporation of their rate of assessment in a 100 per cent scale.

B

The General Assembly,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Contributions on its fifty-ninth session,[2]

Recalling its resolution 53/36 C of 18 December 1998,

1. *Decides* that the Committee on Contributions should not consider further the questions covered in paragraphs 69 and 70 and 73 and 74 of its report;

2. *Requests* the Committee to further consider measures to encourage the timely, full and unconditional payment of assessed contributions and to make appropriate recommendations, pursuant to its general mandate under paragraph 3 of General Assembly resolution 14 A (I) of 13 February 1946.

C

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 50/207 B of 11 April 1996, 52/215 B of 22 December 1997 and 53/36 B, 53/36 C and 53/36 D of 18 December 1998,

Having considered the report of the Committee on Contributions on its fifty-ninth session,[3]

Reaffirming the obligation of all Member States to bear the expenses of the United Nations, as apportioned by the General Assembly, in conformity with paragraph 2 of Article 17 of the Charter of the United Nations,

Reaffirming also the fundamental principle that the expenses of the Organization should be apportioned among Member States broadly according to their capacity to pay, as specified in rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly,

1. *Urges* all Member States to pay their assessed contributions in full, on time and without imposing conditions, to prevent financial difficulties for the United Nations;

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[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 11* (A/54/11), chap. IV, sect. C.

[3] Ibid., chap. IV, sects. A and B.

2. *Reaffirms* its role in accordance with the provisions of Article 19 of the Charter of the United Nations and the advisory role of the Committee on Contributions in accordance with rule 160 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly;

3. *Urges* all Member States in arrears requesting exemption under Article 19 to provide the fullest possible supporting information, including information on economic aggregates, government revenues and expenditure, foreign exchange resources, indebtedness, difficulties in meeting domestic or international financial obligations, and any other information that might support the claim that failure to make necessary payments had been due to conditions beyond the control of the Member States;

4. *Decides* that requests for exemption under Article 19 must be submitted by Member States to the President of the General Assembly at least two weeks before the session of the Committee on Contributions, so as to ensure a complete review of the requests.